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DR. PAULL'S RESIGNATION.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ACTS ON HIS REQUEST.

Commissioners Appointed to Attend Newark Freebory Meeting Monday - Affectionate Tribute to Dr. Paull by the Congregation - His Final Sermon Sunday, the 25th Inst.

The Rev. Dr. David R. Frazer of the First Presbyterian Church, Newark, officially represented the Newark Freebory at the meeting of the congregation of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Wednesday night to act on the resignation of the Rev. Dr. George A. Paull as pastor of that church.

A letter from Dr. Paull reiterating his request that his resignation be accepted was read by Wilcox E. Phares. The letter was as follows: "After the statement I made on Sunday, November 4, when I read the call for this meeting, I need not add anything to-night. A meeting of the Freebory has been called for Monday, November 19, to consider my request for dissolution of the pastoral relation between myself and this church, to take effect on the last Sunday of this month, and I ask you to appoint commissioners to consider in that request."

"It is with the deepest sorrow that I make this step, but under existing conditions I feel that it is imperative, but let me assure you of my unchanged affection and continued interest and prayers."

The congregation acquiesced in the pastor's request, and Matthew McOroddan and L. E. Sutton were appointed commissioners to represent the church at the meeting of the Freebory in Newark on Monday.

Dr. Paull will preach his final sermon as pastor of Westminster Church on Sunday, the 25th inst.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. McOroddan, was adopted: "We hereby place on record our deep sorrow at receiving this second request for the severance of those relations, in which request we at this time are constrained to acquiesce only because of his earnest and unalterable desire that we should do so."

"We cannot permit the severance of the sacred and affectionate ties that have existed between us and our beloved pastor during the past eighteen years without testifying to the high Christian character and devotion to duty which he has at all times displayed."

"In public and in private life he has always shown a fine spirit of Christian courtesy, sympathy and helpfulness, which has endeared him to us as a pastor. A profound student of the Scriptures, a ripe scholar, with a passion for human souls, he has distinguished himself as an eloquent and faithful preacher of the word of God; of deep and earnest convictions, but broad and tolerant in spirit."

"We shall cherish with grateful memories his long and faithful labors among us, of which the records of Westminster Church give abundant proof."

"Our prayer is that our Heavenly Father will in His infinite power and goodness guide him and bless him, and all who are dear to him, in all their ways, and may he have many jewels in the crown which the Master whom he loves will bestow upon him at the last day."

Dr. Harry E. Richards made a motion that a committee of six be appointed, three from the Session and three from the Board of Trustees, to receive substantial tokens to be presented to the retiring pastor. The committee will be named later. After prayer by the Rev. Dr. Frazer the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Curtis.
Mrs. Curtis, widow of Rev. Dr. George C. Curtis of Rochester, N. Y., and mother of Rev. George L. Curtis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, died at the manse, 23 Park place, Sunday night from heart disease, after an illness of three months. Mrs. Curtis was the daughter of the late Leonard Woods of Andover, Mass., and was the last surviving member of the first class that graduated from Mt. Holyoke College. She was associated with Mary Lyon, the founder of collegiate education for women in this country, as one of the faculty in the Mt. Holyoke institution.

Mrs. Curtis at one time taught in the Normal School at Westfield, Mass., and also in the Wheaton Seminary in Ipswich, Mass. For the past five years Mrs. Curtis had lived with her son. She was eighty-seven years old, and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Susan Redfield, wife of Professor Henry S. Redfield of Columbia University; Miss Clara Curtis of Rochester, N. Y., and one son, Rev. Mr. Curtis of this town.

Rev. Mr. Rose's Lecture.
A large audience was present at the illustrated lecture by the Rev. Henry W. Rose of Newark in the First Presbyterian Church Monday night. The lecturer's subject was "The San Francisco Earthquake," and he showed many interesting views of the ruin and havoc caused by the earthquake.

Borough Special Election.

At a meeting of the Glen Ridge Borough Council Monday night, Thursday, November 15, was fixed as the date for a special election to vote on the question of free mail delivery. There will be two tickets in the field, reading as follows:

"In favor of the retention of the Glen Ridge Postoffice under improved conditions."

"In favor of free delivery from Bloomfield."

The election will be held in the Council room in Ridgewood avenue, and the polls will remain open from 1 to 9 p. m. All persons, male and female, who are 21 years old and over, and who have resided in the State one year and in Glen Ridge thirty days, will be entitled to cast ballots.

At Monday night's meeting of the Council Councilman John W. Knight read a communication from Hampden L. Johnston, the borough assessor, in regard to the macadamizing of Linden avenue from Ridgewood avenue west. Mr. Johnston suggested that the width of the street be reduced from 40 to 36 feet, and the sidewalks correspondingly widened so as to save the shade trees. The matter was referred to the road committee.

Councilman George O. White reported that a new water supply main had already been placed in Linden avenue, thus providing against the contingency of an accident to the other supply pipe. Mr. White also stated that he was in communication with the electric light officials, and he was endeavoring to obtain electric lights for the borough at a lower rate than the company had yet seemed inclined to give.

Mr. White spoke of the many private residences who would have electric lights placed in their houses if a system was inaugurated in the borough. He said he hoped the inducements would influence the electric light people somewhat.

Political Notes.

The South Jersey Republican members of the Legislature have in their hands the election of a United States Senator. There seems to be but little doubt that Senator John F. Dryden will be the caucus nominee of the Republicans for re-election.

M. N. Higgins, the well-known Third ward Democratic leader, is being asked to get in line for position of warden at the county penitentiary at Bridgewater.

The town officials elected on Tuesday, November 6, have been sworn in by Town Clerk Wm. L. Johnson.

Michael Barry, Democratic Freeholder from Orange, may succeed Freeholder Thomas McGowan as Director of the Board of Freeholders.

Candidates for the various appointive offices to be given out by the incoming Town Council are springing up like mushrooms, and there are at least half a dozen aspirants for each position. Among the offices to be filled are chief of the fire department, chief of police, town treasurer, town physician, overseer of the poor, superintendent of public works, member of the board of assessors, and town attorney.

Daniel J. Brady of this town has been mentioned as a possible candidate by the Democrats for Speaker of the next House of Assembly.

Wonders of Hoboken.

Councilman-elect Frank N. Unangst sought respite from the mental and physical strain of an exciting political campaign by spending a Sunday in Hoboken and was much impressed with interesting sights of that city. In his stroll about the city the Councilman-elect passed the Stevens Institute of Technology, one of the best schools of its kind in the world. The great steamship docks were evidence of Hoboken's importance as a commercial center and the Stevens family home, known as Stevens Castle, were reminders that Hoboken was rich in historical associations, but what most excited the interest of the Councilman-elect among Hoboken's wonders was a peculiarly attractive specimen of the potter's art called stoneware. They were so numerous that the Councilman-elect marvelled as to what use they were put to. His perplexity was relieved by his friend Charles L. Warren, who gave him several object lessons in the use of the stoneware.

The general use of the stoneware observed by the visiting official instigated an inquiry of several Hobokenites as to whether or not they had ever heard of the bishop's bill. The inevitable reply was, "See Bob Davis." A line of people extending several blocks led to an inquiry as to the cause of it. The man from Bloomfield was rather shocked to learn that the people were waiting for the doors of the theatre to open for a Sunday evening performance.

It would be a pleasure to serve a liberal minded constituency like Hoboken in an aldermanic capacity thought the Councilman-elect as he vended his way to the Lackawanna station. Mr. Unangst recommends a Sunday in Hoboken as a brace for nervous troubles incident to politics.

COUNTY PARKS.

Active Local Interest in the Park Question - Suggested Sites and Their Claims - Want the Board of Trade to Take Prompt Action.

Relying on the assurances giving by the County Park Commission to the effect that if the park bond issue carried at the election that a county park would be established in this town, many people are taking a lively interest in the possible location of such a park. There is likely to be some difference of opinion on the question of location.

Not a few people think that in the park question there is an opportunity at hand to secure a general benefit to the town by utilizing a large section of the old Watessing lake property for park purposes. The argument is that the location is central to the populated part of the town and is accessible by trolley. The property in its present shape is detrimental, and if left to develop along the lines that it will naturally follow it will always have a depreciating effect on surrounding property. No fancy prices can be asked for the property as there are tax assessment appeals enough on record to show the general estimate of its value by the owners themselves. In the hands of the Park Commission a transformation could be worked out in this particular property such as was accomplished in the middle Branch Brook park.

There are other locations in the town where natural advantages for park purposes are apparent, but they are not so accessible to the mass of the people and would not confer the same general benefit that would accrue from the use of the Second river swamp for park purposes. It has been suggested that conflicting interests over the question of the location of parks might be harmonized by the selection of two or more sites and dividing up the promised money. By pursuing such a plan nothing of importance would be accomplished.

But all discussion of the park question is premature until the County Park Commission declares its intention, and it will not be amiss for the local Board of Trade to get busy with the Park Commission and make Bloomfield's understanding of the situation clear and complete. An important duty now devolves upon the Board of Trade, which is to that body that the people will look for action in the park matter.

East Orange officials are early in the field looking after the interests of that city. At a meeting of the Essex County Park Commission Mayor Cardwell was present with City Counsel Jerome B. Gedney to confer with the commission regarding the lighting and drainage of the East Orange parkway. The matter is one which has been under discussion off and on for a couple of years. The commission Thursday agreed to put in electric lights as soon as practicable and to furnish current at its own expense and to join with East Orange in putting in sewers. The work of putting in the parkway sewers, it was decided, should begin as soon as East Orange gets in the sewers it is now constructing between Central avenue and Main street, near the parkway.

Park Commission Meets.

The Essex County Park Commission met on Tuesday afternoon and County Clerk Arthur Horton testified to the commission the result of the vote on the park bond issue election day. The county clerk stated that 18,074 votes were cast in favor of the bond issue, and 13,347 against. The majority in favor was 4,637.

The commission directed Secretary Church to communicate with Olmstead Brothers of Brookline, Mass., and request them to come to Essex county to assist in laying out the new parks. The Olmstead Brothers have been associated with Essex county parks since the first. According to present plans, there will be two new parks. One is to be located in the "Ironbound District," and the other in Irvington. The commission resolved to make extensive repairs at the Weequahic reservation. About \$7,000 will be spent in altering the stables used by the Road Drivers' Association. The old stables that were used when Waverly was a trotting center will be torn down and six new stables will be built, to accommodate seventy-two horses. The old stables were built diagonally from Park avenue, but the new stables will face that thoroughfare. The commission favored these repairs because the horsemen who have hired the track have contributed much to the entertainment of the people of Essex county at the Saturday afternoon races, to which no admission is charged. The Road Association has also paid for the privilege of using the track.

Boomer Ball.

The Girls' High School basketball team of the Glen Ridge school will play the Bloomfield High school girls' team November 20 and East Orange High School December 4. Both contests will take place in Glen Ridge.

CHURCH NOTES.

Forerunners Subjects for To-morrow's Sermons. - John M. Carroll Bible Class - Missionary Field Secretary will speak in Glen Ridge - Young People's Temperance Meeting in First Baptist Church.

In the Park M. E. Church to-morrow morning Dr. Jesse L. Harbut will preach the third sermon in a monthly series to students of the Bible on "The Church's Journey in the Land of Egypt." In the evening the subject will be "The Seeing and the Unseeing Eye."

Services in the Watessing M. E. Church to-morrow will be as follows: Preaching by pastor, 10.30 a. m., subject, "The Church at Pergamos." At 7.30 p. m. the pastor will continue his special sermon on "The Wayward Child." Subject, "My Familiar Friends Gone, Alone I sat and Listened 'til my Heart Strings Break."

"The Nature and Consequences of Sin" will be the subject of the Rev. Elliott Brown's sermon in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church to-morrow morning. The evening service will be under the auspices of the Boy's Mission Band. Mrs. I. V. Woodbury, Field Secretary of the American Missionary Society will speak on the subject "American Highlanders."

The John M. Carroll Bible Class of the First Baptist Church want to interest every young man who is not already connected with any local Sunday school. One of the ways to get a young man interested is to have him present at our regular meeting on Sunday at 12 o'clock in the Sunday-school room. Young men are very cordially invited to attend any Sunday, but the best time to come will be to-morrow; come and see for yourself how the class is carried on and be sure to meet our teacher. A Glese Club has been organized and is progressing rapidly; we need more voices, come to-morrow and hear more about it.

The Y. P. C. C. E. of the First Baptist Church will have for its subject "How the Bible Commands Temperance and a Review of All Temperance Passages," led by Rev. G. H. Nease. This will be a very interesting meeting and we cordially invite all young people to attend Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The subject of the monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Thursday afternoon was "Greece and Early Missions in the Pacific Islands." Miss Duguid charged of the meeting. The other subjects to be discussed at subsequent dates: December 11, "A Voyage Among the Micronesian Islands," Miss Boardman; January 8, "The Hawaiian Islands," Mrs. George A. Paull; February 19, "Our Mission Work in China," Mrs. Correlation; April 9, "Mission Work in India," Miss Margaret Jarvis; June 11, "Mission Work in South America," Miss Sheldon. The annual meeting will be held March 12.

Rev. Frederick W. Buis of the First Baptist Church addressed the Sunday-school of the Brighton Memorial Chapel on Sunday afternoon. The occasion was the anniversary of the Sunday-school.

Rev. David O. Hughes of New York city, father of the recently elected Republican Governor of New York State, preached morning and evening last Sunday in the Prospect Street Baptist Church, East Orange.

Public Lecture.

"With Paddle and Pack, Roughing it in the Adirondacks," will be the subject of an illustrated lecture by Frank L. Mead, to be given in the Center School, Liberty street, on Friday evening, November 23. The lecture is under the auspices of the Board of Education. It is free to adults. The following testimonials are those of residents of a city in which the lecture was recently given: "A rare treat; and to one whose feelings respond to the 'call of the wild,' it arouses anticipations of a similar trip." - W. H. Mead, Dept. History, Syracuse University. "Full of interest and information, and carries with it the breathless of the Adirondack forest." - A. B. Blodgett, Superintendent of Schools, Syracuse.

The summer school students of Syracuse University were loud in their praise of the lecture "With Paddle and Pack," given by Principal F. L. Mead. It is interesting, entertaining and instructive. This, with the charming views, makes it well worthy of patronage." - F. J. Holzworth, Dept. German Language and Literature, Syracuse University.

Veterans Camp Fire.

The members of William S. Pierson Post had a camp fire Wednesday night in honor of State Department Commander Atkins and official staff who were the guests of Pierson that evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Many visiting veterans from neighboring posts were present. Songs, speeches, war stories and refreshments made up the evening's programme. Speeches were made by the State Commander and members of his staff, and also by comrades Hayter, Dambacher, Russell, Schuyler, Cadmus and Banhoff of Pierson Post.

New Jersey to Be Most Populous Section of the Country.

The importance of New Jersey as an adjunct to New York is shown better than ever before by the recent census report. What the compiler of the census report is pleased to term the "Metropolitan District of the United States" is shown to be a strip of land extending from Boston to Washington along the Atlantic seaboard, including parts of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware and the District of Columbia. The total area of this territory is about 50,000 square miles, or 1-150th of the total area of the United States. In the last ten years it has increased in population, industrial wealth and the value of its public institutions faster than any other part of the country. The statistics for the State of New Jersey show that of all the States included in this number, New Jersey has made the greatest advance in population, industries, value of products, deposits in banks, schools and other private, semi-private and public institutions. Of the fourteen million inhabitants of this belt, 1,300,000 reside in that portion of northern New Jersey included in the trolley belt and known generally as the metropolitan district of the State. This portion of New Jersey contains five-sixths of the population of the State and has 250 persons to the square mile, placing the State third in density of population; Rhode Island coming first with 407 inhabitants to the square mile, Massachusetts second with 346, New York as fourth in population with 152 to the square mile, Pennsylvania is fifth with 140, Maryland sixth with 120 and Delaware seventh with 94. There is no other State in the Union except Ohio having a density of population equal to that of Delaware.

"With its present rate of increase in population and industrial wealth," said a large New Jersey land owner, "this State will undoubtedly outstrip Massachusetts and Rhode Island within the next decade. New Jersey is already first in per capita wealth. The present enormous rate at which homes are being built to accommodate the influx of population does not equal the demand, and figures show that within the next five years the population of the six upper counties of New Jersey will exceed their growth for the last five years, in which period the population has doubled."

"When the prediction of continuous statehood between Boston and Washington is fulfilled, New Jersey will be the most densely populated State between Cape Ann and the Potomac. The development of the trolley roads through New Jersey has been more extensive and more rapid during the fourteen years since they were introduced than in any of the northeastern States. The plans now in actual progress for the improvement of both steam and electric railway traffic by means of tunnels and bridges under and over the North and East rivers, giving direct rapid transportation through and under New York City between New England, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, promises before the passage of many years, the realization of a densely populated metropolitan district extending from Beacon Hill to Washington Monument. The centre of this district must be New York City and its environs, New York City already draws from a larger district than any other city in the United States. A statistician recently making a computation showed that were New York City made to comprise all of the territory within immediate range of the City Hall and the Borough of Manhattan, it would have a population greater than that of London. Added to its present population of 4,000,000 inhabitants, the city could draw 1,300,000 from New Jersey, as against 750,000 from New York State north of the city, 350,000 from Long Island and 500,000 from Connecticut. This would give it a total population of 6,550,000, as against the present population of London, which is 5,581,000. New York City already reaches half way to Philadelphia through the heart of New Jersey. It is in this district that the 1,300,000 inhabitants which New Jersey could add to New York reside."

W. R. C. Inspection.

The Woman's Relief Corps had their inspection last week. A good number of the members were present. Mrs. Smith of Plainfield was inspector. She said that she instituted this corps, so had always felt a great interest in it and was pleased with our work. The department president and several of her staff were also present. After the business was finished refreshments were served and a social hour followed which all enjoyed.

Proctor's Newark Theatre.

The first edition of "Vaudiville de Luxe" in New Jersey was a success was proved beyond a doubt by the generous patronage given it upon its inaugural at Proctor's Newark Theatre. Real face there should even be a slight deterioration in attendance. Mr. Proctor has arranged a stellar bill of the first magnitude for the week of November 19.

PASTOR BUIS RESIGNS

THE PASTORATE OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Resignation Tendered to the Congregation Sunday Morning - Official Action Taken Wednesday Evening - All Health the Cause of His Leaving.

Much surprise was occasioned in church circles Sunday over the announcement of the resignation of the Rev. Frederic W. Buis as pastor of the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Mr. Buis preached Sunday morning, and at the conclusion of the sermon Franklin A. Stone announced that a meeting of the congregation would be held, and at that meeting the clerk read the pastor's letter of resignation, which was as follows:

To the Members of the First Baptist Church of Bloomfield:

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST - A little more than two years ago there was begun in this church a relationship of pastor and people which promised to be, in a very large degree, mutually pleasant and helpful. That promise has been realized, and I can but believe that the work of another season, already so happily entered upon, would see a strengthening of the ties of fellowship and love.

Profoundly grateful for the spirit of Christian sympathy that has prevailed, and for the large-hearted devotion that has been shown toward the cause of our blessed Lord, I would gladly continue with you as a fellow-worker. The conditions which have made our association together so pleasant only increase the difficulty of saying the word which means separation. But for some months I have realized that such a possibility existed, and recent consultations with those who are best qualified to know has changed the possibility into reality.

With deepest regret, therefore, I present to you my resignation as pastor. I cannot hope to express adequately my feeling of love for you, or my appreciation of the uniform kindness that has always been shown, and what I say for myself I say also for her who has been most closely associated with me in the work.

In saying that the bond which has united us is severed, it is with no feeling of ill-will toward any one, and with no sense of such feeling from any one toward me. On the contrary, I hold every member of the church in warmest Christian love. The one reason which has made me willing to even consider a change is the necessity of guarding against permanent injury to my health.

May I ask that my resignation become effective on November 25th, the last Sunday of the present month?

With the earnest prayer for the continuance of God's rich blessing upon you, I am,

Yours in Christ's name,

(Signed) FRED W. BUIS.

At a meeting of the congregation Wednesday night the pastor's resignation was accepted and the officers of the church constituted a committee to have charge of the pulp supply until a permanent pastor is installed.

The Rev. Mr. Buis has been two years and a half here and was highly regarded in local church circles, and much regret is felt over his leaving here. He has two calls under consideration; one to a church in St. Louis, Mo., and the other to a Denver, Colo., church.

At the church meeting Wednesday night the following resolutions were adopted and made a part of the church records:

"Resolved, That we accept with deep regret the resignation of our pastor, Rev. Fred W. Buis - this resignation being offered under advice of his physician as wise in view of his health."

"That we record our high appreciation of the loyalty to the Word of God, the deep insight into and grasp of the truth, the eminent ability as a preacher and the genial and loving spirit which have characterized his pastorate."

"That for him and his wife we earnestly crave abundant health and strength, a rich measure of the Holy Spirit, and that wherever they may labor for the Master it may be with great success to His glory."

Shubert Theatre.

Mr. Robert Hunter, who is soon to present Leo Dietrichstein and a brilliant company in Mr. Dietrichstein's latest and best laugh producing play, "Before and After," to the theatre-goers of this town, is responsible for the statement that, unlike so many so-called farces of recent years, "Before and After" furnishes no questionable material as the spring of laughter.

It is said to be full of good, clean, honest fun, of wit and humor which sparkle, of situations which are whimsical but wholesome, and in these days of "slap-stick farces" and of ideas strung together without rhyme or reason, such a departure will indeed be welcome. "Before and After" is scheduled for a week's engagement at the Shubert Theatre, Newark, beginning Monday, November 19.